Edinburg College, 22 June, 1839.

Dear Sir:

As an association of students interested in the progress of the gospel of Jesus Christ we used in former years to have occasional intercourse with kindred Societies both in Princeton and Pittsburg. But from various causes that intercourse has ceased. And in this way we are deprived of two advantages, - the sympathies and the prayers of the brethren in these Theological Seminaries - at least of their warm sympathies and specific prayers - for these can be only general under a general acquaintanceship; - we are also deprived of much information which besides other uses, might through the divine blessing have the effect of "provoking" us much more effectively and perseveringly to love and to good works.

We have entertained these impressions for a considerable time and been trying to discover some method of renewing our connection with our American brethren. We have again and again been on the point of at once resuming our acquaintanceship by letter - but have always felt ourselves in such ignorance of the circumstances of those to whom we were writing, as to have conjured up to our minds the idea of "taking a step in the dark." The truth is, that in this metropolis we know of only one person who receives any of the Missionary Periodicals of the New World; and for ourselves, after repeated trials, we have not yet succeeded in getting any one of your Magazines forwarded to us from London.

And now presuming upon your interest in the cause of our common Lord, we beg to make two requests:-

1st That you will acquaint the Associations of young men in these two Seminaries of our desire to renew a friendly and regular Christian intercourse with them and of our regret that the intercourse once subsisting should ever have been broken off; if indeed they still exist as Missionary Associations, and are sure in the faith and practice of the truth.

2nd That you will inform us where to obtain the most accurate information concerning the condition and efforts of the U. States' Churches generally - sending us in the meantime any papers you may have at hand which are fitted to dispel our ignorance on almost every thing relating to the state and prospects of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in America.

In regard to ourselves we may state a few facts:

Our Association consists almost entirely of students. It is patronized by the Principal of the University and the Theological Faculty and supported also by several of the other professors. Most of our members are students in Divinity: but we are happy to say that there is an increasing accession from the Literary, Law and Medical Departments. During the Theological session it has been our practice for some years to meet every Saturday morning at ten for prayer, the reading of the Scriptures and of Missionary Intelligence: - except that on one morning of each month we have a more general or promiscuous meeting when an Essay in connection with the subject of Missions is read and also the letters received from or sent to foreign Missionaries and kindred Associations. The session

is then longer. Our ordinary meetings are kept up during the year with the exception of August and September.

The money we raise is expended on our library in donations to some of the Schemes of our own church and to other evangelistic institutions. It has been more our aim hitherto to improve ourselves than to raise money. We now see it our duty to attend to both. And whilst we earnestly pray for the growth of truth within ourselves and for the offer and embracement of it on the part of all men we are more and more persuaded that we shall best fit ourselves for usefulness at home and abroad by adding to our prayers active endeavors in diffusing information on the object and obligation of Missions and in urging all our friends to dedicate of their substance to the promotion of this surpassingly noble object.

We must confess that there appears but little love for Christ our King in this University. Yet he has smitten with his gracious sceptre some souls here too; and if they would be but faithful many more might soon be made to bow down before him. We know nothing of a revival in this University. Well may we cry as thirsty souls in a dry and parched wilderness: — "When will Zion's King descend upon our souls with the hallowing influences of his Spirit as showers upon the mown grass." We have hitherto expected but little and therefore gotten but little — yet always more than we expected. The truth is we neither feel our wants enough nor know the bounties of the Lord of glory enough. Perhaps he will even yet be pleased to quicken our languishing souls and enable us to recognize and to rejoice in the abundance of his favor and love.

Now dear Sir we pray you to comply with our requests to your best ability and as soon as you can. And until some more intimate bond is formed we shall rejoice in the belief that we have many dear unknown brethren in the "far west" and we shall ask for you and for all the true disciples of Jesus of Nazareth in the Western Hemisphere that the grace and mercy and love bound up in the Everlasting Covenant may be abundantly multiplied unto you all.

Signed in the name and by the authority of the Edinburg University Missionary Association

William Sinclair, Pres.

Address to

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Dr. Brethren.

I send you a copy of a letter received by me from the President of the Edinburg University Missionary Association, which you will doubtless take pleasure in receiving and answering. I shall be happy to forward any letters you may wish to send.

Very truly yours
Daniel Wells.

N. York.
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